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To Whom It May Concern:
This message is to request that the NAB's bid to stifle the free speech of XM Sattelite Radio be denied by the FCC. Lack of quality programming is what prompted me to subscribe to XM, and this move by the NAB is a desparate attempt to regain their strangle-hold on the radio industry. The traffic and weather services that XM provide are a valuable resource to XM subscribers like myself, who refuse to be subjected to stale programming, and long, obnoxious commercials, just to keep updated on local traffic and weather. The traffic and weather services that XM provide are far superior anyway, compared to commercial broadcasts and I value the opportunity to have this information through my XM receiver. I request that XM subscribers not be punished for choosing to pay a subscription fee for XM Sattelite Radio over free local broadcasts. I also request that XM not be punished for succeeding in providing a quality alternative to local radio broadcasts. XM has proved to be a pioneer in broadcasting and should be rewarded justly for promoting change in a stale industry. Thank you for your time, Russ Brown